

IN THE CLAIMS:

*Please cancel claims 1-7.*

*Kindly add the following new claims 8-25:*

8. A packaging container comprising:

a container body having an inverted cone shape, said container body including a side wall, a first end defined by a tapered end portion, and an open end opposite said first end; at least one protrusion formed on an outer surface of said side wall of said container body; and

a frustum-shaped exterior shell having a small-diameter opening at one end and a large-diameter opening at an opposite end such that

(i) said frustum-shaped exterior shell is to be removably fitted onto said container body by passing said tapered end portion of said container body through said large-diameter opening and then through said small-diameter until said at least one protrusion removably supports said frustum-shaped exterior shell on said container body, and

(ii) said frustum-shaped exterior shell is to support said container body by removing said frustum-shaped exterior shell from said container body, inverting said frustum-shaped exterior shell, and inserting said tapered end portion of said container body into said small-diameter opening of said frustum-shaped exterior shell until said at least one protrusion is engaged by said one end of said frustum-shaped exterior shell.

9. The packaging container according to claim 8, further comprising a lid for hermetically sealing said container body.

10. The packaging container according to claim 9, further comprising an adhesive member to lightly bond said one end of said frustum-shaped exterior shell to said side wall of said container body when said frustum-shaped exterior shell is fitted onto said container body.

11. The packaging container according to claim 9, wherein said frustum-shaped exterior shell has an axial length such that when said frustum-shaped exterior shell supports said container body by removing said frustum-shaped exterior shell from said container body, inverting said frustum-shaped exterior shell, and inserting said tapered end portion of said container body into said small-diameter opening of said frustum-shaped exterior shell until said at least one protrusion is engaged by said one end of said frustum-shaped exterior shell, said first end of said container body is spaced from a surface when said opposite end of said frustum-shaped exterior shell is placed on this surface.

12. The packaging container according to claim 9, wherein said at least one protrusion is on a portion of said side wall of said container body that is between an axial central portion of said container body and said first end.

13. The packaging container according to claim 9, wherein said at least one protrusion comprises a continuous ring in a plane that is perpendicular to an axis of said container body.

14. The packaging container according to claim 9, wherein said at least one protrusion comprises plural protrusions in a plane that is perpendicular to an axis of said container body.

15. The packaging container according to claim 8, further comprising an adhesive member to lightly bond said one end of said frustum-shaped exterior shell to said side wall of said container body when said frustum-shaped exterior shell is fitted onto said container body.

16. The packaging container according to claim 8, wherein said frustum-shaped exterior shell has an axial length such that when said frustum-shaped exterior shell supports said container body by removing said frustum-shaped exterior shell from said container body, inverting said frustum-shaped exterior shell, and inserting said tapered end portion of said container body into said small-diameter opening of said frustum-shaped exterior shell until said at least one protrusion is engaged by said one end of said frustum-shaped exterior shell, said first end of said container body is spaced from a surface when said opposite end of said frustum-shaped exterior shell is placed on this surface.

17. The packaging container according to claim 8, wherein said at least one protrusion is on a portion of said side wall of said container body that is between an axial central portion of said container body and said first end.

18. The packaging container according to claim 8, wherein said at least one protrusion comprises a continuous ring in a plane that is perpendicular to an axis of said container body.

19. The packaging container according to claim 8, wherein said at least one protrusion comprises plural protrusions in a plane that is perpendicular to an axis of said container body.

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12-3 0 20. The packaging container according to claim 19, further comprising an adhesive member to lightly bond said one end of said frustum-shaped exterior shell to said side wall of said container body when said frustum-shaped exterior shell is fitted onto said container body.

21. The packaging container according to claim 19, wherein said frustum-shaped exterior shell has an axial length such that when said frustum-shaped exterior shell supports said container body by removing said frustum-shaped exterior shell from said container body, inverting said frustum-shaped exterior shell, and inserting said tapered end portion of said container body into said small-diameter opening of said frustum-shaped exterior shell until said at least one protrusion is engaged by said one end of said frustum-shaped exterior shell, said first end of said container body is spaced from a surface when said opposite end of said frustum-shaped exterior shell is placed on this surface.

22. The packaging container according to claim 19, wherein said plural protrusions are on a portion of said side wall of said container body that is between an axial central portion of said container body and said first end.

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12-4 0 23. The packaging container according to claim 18, further comprising an adhesive member to lightly bond said one end of said frustum-shaped exterior shell to said side wall of said container body when said frustum-shaped exterior shell is fitted onto said container body.

24. The packaging container according to claim 18, wherein said frustum-shaped exterior shell has an axial length such that when said frustum-shaped exterior shell supports said container body by removing said frustum-shaped exterior shell from said container body, inverting said frustum-shaped exterior shell, and inserting said tapered end portion of said container body into said small-diameter opening of said frustum-shaped exterior shell until said at least one protrusion is engaged by said one end of said frustum-shaped exterior shell, said first end of said container body is spaced from a surface when said opposite end of said frustum-shaped exterior shell is placed on this surface.

25. The packaging container according to claim 18, wherein said continuous ring is on a portion of said side wall of said container body that is between an axial central portion of said container body and said first end.